

WORLD OF RADIO #1174, produced March 19, 2003 by Glenn Hauser

*Standard disclaimer

*As usual recorded on Wednesday afternoon around 2100 UT; in this case March 19 a few hours before war might break out against Iraq; keep that in mind in case I say something that seems outdated

*Timeline for R. Austria International closure; decision day is March 26; if the answer is no, may go off air July 1, leaving domestic German relays only; a pity to close as Europe enlarges

*DW not closing SW, but cutting North America off from English, and dropping German in mornings; suggestions for hearing it still in English to Africa, Asia: 2100 via Rwanda on 15205, 11865, Germany 9440; no more English between 0100 and 0400; 0000 try Germany 9825; 0400 Germany 15410, Rwanda 7225, 11945; 0500 Rwanda 9700, 12045; Portugal 11925; Madagascar 13755, Germany 15410

*Useful websites for converting long URLs to short ones
<http://www.tinyurl.com> and <http://makeashorterlink.com>

[! example below may no longer work, probably due to DW change]

*DW website has list of rebroadcasters in North America now via <http://tinyurl.com/7ayf> but huge areas are un-covered; many are low power relays; insulting to say these substitute for SW

*From April 6, DW will have 55-minute mailbag show on Sundays

*V. of Russia now has live webcast via windows media
http://www.vor.ru/Audio/audio_eng.phtml with English at 0400-1000 only, inconvenient here, taking feed to German relay

*VOR has expanded Arabic to Iraq from 3 to 4 hours per day

*R. Gardarika, St. Petersburg on FM, gets SW relay again March 24-30, 1900-2200 on 6245, 200 kW

*``Captain`` Eamonn Cooke, of R. Dublin sentenced to 10 years for sexually abusing girls; ``evil and perverse``

*Laser Hot Hits, British Isles pirate on 4015 ex-3970v after 0530

*R. Ukraine International tentative A-03 has English at 2100 on 5905; 0000 & 0300 North America on 12040, megawatt? And 1100 on 15415 to Europe, not Australia

*Belarus heard with strong AM signal on aero band, 11196, fluke?

*US having second thoughts about closing down Playa de Pals site in Spain; instead of USSR could be useful for Arab world; but may be too late to back out of deal. See DXLD 3-040

*For duration of war, BBC FiveLive becomes all-news channel

*Tho BBC faces strike threat over sackings in BBCWS Arabic

*R. Sawa heard with expanded overnight broadcasts on 6185, 7185 via Greece, Morocco, respectively

*See <http://www.worldofradio.com> for WUN club listing of western military communications frequencies; plus English broadcasts from Mideast; exhaustive schedule of all English on SW

*V. of Turkey OK at 2300 on 9655, 6020, but poor modulation, and no more news than usual

*Israeli pro monitor Michael Gurdus gets an article whenever war

is breaking out: see DXLD 3-044

- *US base in Qatar to be media capital of the world
- *US may try E-bomb test on Baghdad, electromagnetic pulse to knock out computers, electronics; hear an NPR report at:
<http://discover.npr.org/rundowns/segment.jhtml?wfId=1192402>
- *V. of Iraqi Liberation operated by opposition in Sulaymaniyah, messages to soldiers, Iraqi people; 4025.9 variable
- *Twin Rivers Radio, 1566 from Kuwait, is a lot like Radio Sawa, but getting more serious with speech to Iraqi people
- *The media magazine you monitor with your mind. World of Radio 1174, P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702 USA; woradio at yahoo.com
- *Thanks this week for financial support go to Pete Bentley
- *DXLDs overflowing with stories about Iraq and links to more, notably 3-045; BBCM finds V. of Youth, 1044, station of Uday, Saddam's son, missing, replaced by general service
- *From H-hour, NHK adds SW broadcasts, 24h Japanese to Mideast, more Arabic and French, less English
- *How to tell apart the two All India Radio stations on 4760; IDs before and after Delhi news; sign-off; best time is sign-on, with Port Blair at 2325, Leh from 0215 (Sundays 0100)
- *R. Sedayee Kashmir changed to 1430-1530, 0230-0330 both on 6100
- *R. Pakistan on 7570v is 1915-0045 overnight service to Mideast
- *V. of Indonesia in English heard with tape running too fast, and another time backwards! But has reactivated transmitters, so may be heard on more than one frequency at a time; e.g. 15150 external, 11860 domestic relay
- *New A-03 schedule of Feba, no longer via Seychelles, includes Rwanda which used to relay only DW: 1700-1757 in Somali, Tigrigna on 11690
- *V. of Ethiopian Medhin heard Sunday March 9 from 1750; recording at <http://www.shortwave.org.uk> via the HF Latest page
- *R. Okapi, Congo DR, heard in California at 0207 on 9550; in Sweden at 0134 on 11690
- *R. Gabon reactivated on 4777 at 1735-1800*
- *R. Universo, Castillos, Uruguay, still plans to add SW 6155 to 1480
- *Active Uruguayans are normally daytime only, but R. Monte Carlo heard once until 0045* on 6140
- *IBOC spreading to Brazil; testing digital AM on R. Gaucha, 600, Porto Alegre, from March 13 for a month; listen for 590, 610 buzz
- *R. Macedonia, Arequipa, Peru, run by Crown and Macedonia Baptist Institute Outreach (CAMBIO), 100 watts; quit relayng Canal 33 TV audio for nonstop classical music
- *Rafael Rodriguez reports in Spanish on his trip into the guerrilla-infested plains of Meta, in DXLD 3-042, visiting La Voz de tu Conciencia, 6010v, and reporting on FM scene, pirate and guerrilla
- *Ondas del Ortegua, Florencia, Colombia, active on 4975, but only until sundown 2300*
- *Resistencia Caribe FM Stereo, FARC clandestines operating in Perija, Zulia, Venezuela on 96.6, 104.3, 105.3

- *La Voz Popular, onetime SW clandestine in Guatemala, has a daughter still on air, FM? called Mujb'ab'l Yol
- *Plans unveiled in Del Rio for a Wolfman Jack museum, ex-XERF; see <http://www.wolfmanjackfoundation.com>
- *R. Catolica heard on 1670 until 0800* -- seems to be KHPY California with format change
- *WVMI 570 Gulfport MS closing down and to be replaced April 3 by WTNI 1640; can be non-direxional, but don't they know for groundwave coverage, 5 kW on 570 trumps 10 kW on 1640 bigtime?
- *Phat Rock is 24h pirate in las Vegas, Nevada on 1650
- *KXEL 1540, Waterloo, IA, heard with Slavic (Serbian?) at 0300 UT
- *Rewind, weekly comedy news review going out of production at Marchend; find schedule of webcasts at <http://www.publicradiofan.com>
- *WBOH disappeared again from 5920 after constant testing; it's 5 miles from WTJC 9370
- *Owner and operator of WWBS, Macon GA, Charles Josey, K4LNL, died February 28; will his widow continue it? Scheduled only UT Sat & Sun 0000-0200 on 11900
- *Person trying to establish new SW station in Ninilchik, Alaska, facing fines for filling wetlands illegally, attacking federal agent with screwdriver [Alexander Kozned]
- *Propagation outlook from Boulder March 18; flux range 130-105-150
- *Glenn Hauser, concluding World of Radio 1174 ###